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#### ALMOST 600 STUDENTS MAKE UP LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS IN HISTORY

Members of the Class of 2017 at Central Maine Community College marched in Commencement Thursday, May 11 before a packed house of family, friends, and supporters at the Androscoggin Bank Colisée in Lewiston. President Scott Knapp presented the graduates with their diplomas, assisted by Dean of Academic Affairs Betsy Libby and members of the faculty.

Faculty members Fred Donovan and Maurice Nadeau served as grand marshal and faculty marshal respectively and led the processional of graduates, faculty, administration and distinguished

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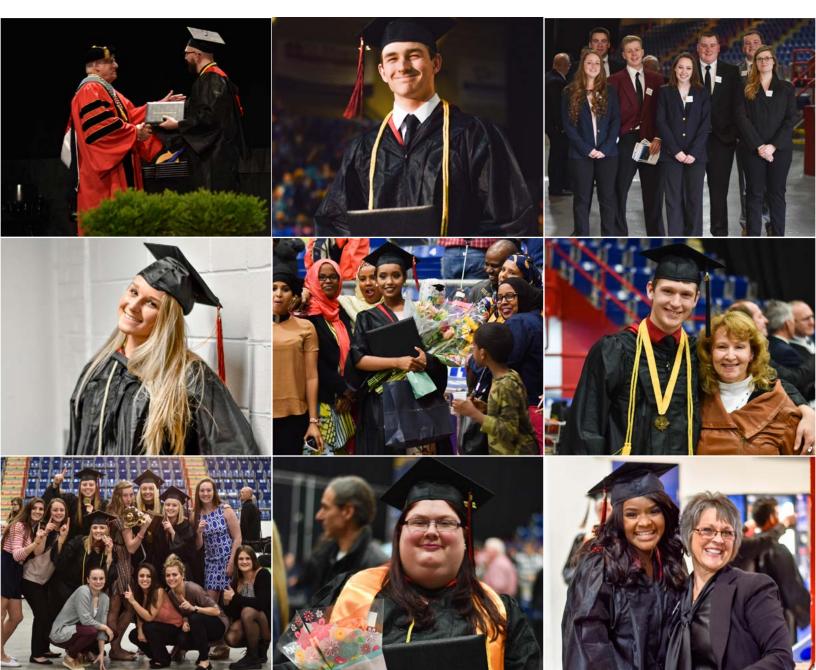
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guests. Trustee David MacMahon delivered greetings from the Maine Community College System. Dean Roger Philippon recognized numerous academic achievements of the graduating class, including Student of the Year Robyn Rawle of Buckfield and All-Maine Academic Team members Misty Edgecomb of Auburn and Melissa Potter of Lewiston. Auburn Mayor Jonathan LaBonte delivered the commencement address. "Being here tonight, you've proven you can learn in the classroom, and the beauty of an education at Central Maine Community College is that the faculty keeps their eye on the application of that knowledge outside the four walls of a lab or lecture hall," LaBonte said. "The first lesson in the art of whatever you find passion in will be to muster all the creativity you have and apply it. Second lesson is to repeat."

Graduates of more than 40 different programs at CMCC earned their associate degree, certificate, or advanced certificate credentials this year. Among those programs with the largest number of graduates are Business Administration and Management; Criminal Justice; Automotive Technology; Precision Machining Technology; and General Studies.

<u>Read more about</u> <u>Commencement in the Sun</u> <u>Journal.</u>





### ROBYN RAWLE IS THE 2017 STUDENT OF THE YEAR

**ROBYN RAWLE OF BUCKFIELD HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE CMCC STUDENT OF THE YEAR.** She and six other Maine community college students were honored recently for their academic success and campus and community involvement at a ceremony in Augusta hosted by the Maine Community College System (MCCS) Board of Trustees.

Robyn graduated this spring from CMCC with President's Honors, the highest academic honors at the College. Active in the TRIO Student Success Center, she worked as a tutor and conducted impromptu study groups in math and science. She was a student in the Life Sciences Honors Program, served as a lab assistant, and was an officer in the college chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

A stroke victim who suffers from diabetes, Robyn has also worked as a teacher's aid, helping students with disabilities. Her family owns and operates a horse farm in Buckfield, where she has for many years given horseback riding lessons and therapeutic riding for people with disabilities.

Robyn has accepted a merit-based scholarship to attend the University of New England in the fall, where she will pursue their "4+1 B.S./ M.S." in Marine Sciences.

In addition to being recognized as Students of the Year, Robyn is receiving a \$1,000 John H. Lapoint, Jr. Leadership Award. Mr. Lapoint was president of UF Strainrite in Lewiston and a trustee of the Maine Community College System. After his death in 1995, his widow, Jana Lapoint, served on the Board from 1995 to 2006 and helped establish the fund for the annual awards.

Top Left: Robyn Rawle stands as Student of the Year at the 2017 Commencement Ceremony held on May 11 at the Androscoggin Bank Colisee in Lewiston.

Top Right: Robyn Rawle stands with Dean of Students Nick Hamel after she was presented the award at a ceremony held recently in Augusta.

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## All-Maine Academic Team Announced



Misty Edgecomb of Auburn and Melissa Potter of Lewiston have been named to the 2017 All-Maine Academic Team for two-year colleges. They and academic team members from all Maine community colleges were honored at a ceremony in Augusta hosted by the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

Currently a General Studies student who has earned high honors and president's honors, Misty plans to complete a degree in business administration and management at CMCC and then transfer to a four-year college to study human physiology. She is the owner of M E Massage Therapy of Lewiston.

Melissa earned a certificate in Culinary Arts last spring, and graduated with an associate's degree in Restaurant Management this spring. A high-honors student in both programs, she was honored last December as the College for ME Androscoggin Student of the Year.

The All-Maine Academic Team is a program of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for twoyear colleges. Students are nominated and selected for the team by their college based on outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and service. The All-Maine Academic Team is cosponsored by Northeast Trophy, Phi Theta Kappa, and the MCCS.

Above: Melissa Potter and Misty Edgecomb, second and fourth from left, have been named to the 2017 All-Maine Academic Team for two-year colleges. Pictured here with them are, from left, Dean of Students Nick Hamel, President Scott Knapp, and Dean of Academic Affairs Betsy Libby.



### **CM FOUNDATION HONORS ACHIEVEMENTS AT ANNUAL DINNER**

The Tenth Annual Central Maine Community College (CMCC) Annual Dinner was held April 19 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn. The event was hosted by the College's Education Foundation Board of Directors.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to students and others for their achievements or contributions to the College. Proceeds from the dinner, which are expected to exceed \$23,000, will benefit the Foundation's scholarship fund.

The mission of the CM Education Foundation is to provide financial support to CMCC and its students, to advocate on behalf of the college, and to nurture relationships with the community and constituencies. The Foundation has raised more than one million dollars in scholarships for the College. A big thank you to all of our sponsors, especially Harriman, Architects & Engineers and Center Street Dental.





Top left: Pictured here are all the awardees who were honored at the dinner. Seated left to right are Robyn Rawle, Student of the Year (with her service dog Sig); Kassie Schmidt, "Yes I Can" Award; Kathy McManus, Faculty Member of the Year; Nicole Labbay, Scholarship Recipient of the Year; Misty Edgecomb, All-Maine Academic Team; Diane Dostie, Staff Person of the Year. Standing are Deion Jenkins, "Against All Odds" Award; Jarvis Simpson, Student Veteran of the Year; Melissa Potter, All-Maine Academic Team; Dr. Jeff Stewart, President's Award; Charlie Knauer, Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year; TD Bank President Larry Wold, Corporate Partner of the Year; Pietro Badalassi, Male Student Athlete of the Year; Brooke Reynolds, Female Student Athlete of the Year.

Top center: Students Ellie Harrington (left), and Seve Deery-Deraps, members of the CMCC national championship basketball team, served as greeters at the annual dinner.

Top Right: CM Foundation board member Christine Bosse, vice president at Bangor Savings Bank, talks with Nick Hamel, CMCC dean of student services.

Bottom: CM Foundation board members Rick Vail (left), president of Mechanic Savings Bank, and Bruce Tisdale, president of Mountain Machine Works, chat before the dinner.



## Realtors Award Student Scholarships

The Androscoggin Valley Board of Realtors (AVBOR) awarded scholarships to four CMCC students at a recent breakfast meeting hosted by the organization.

Pictured left to right are CMCC Dean of Planning & Public Affairs Roger Philippon; scholarship recipients Fanie Wabwende, Spencer Robinson, Adam Sawyer, and Therese Turmel; and AVBOR President Kelly Pitman. As a student in the Precision Machining Technology program, Spencer **Robinson** graduated in May with President's Honors, the highest honors at the College. A resident of Mechanic Falls, Spencer will pursue an advanced certificate in machining at CMCC this fall. Adam Sawyer of Greene has just graduated with high honors in the Network Security/Computer Forensics Program. He plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in cyber security at the University of Maine Augusta. **Therese Turmel** of Lewiston, an honors student in General Studies, hopes to continue her education as a secondary education major at the University of Maine at Farmington. A resident of Auburn, Fanie Wabwende has earned high honors in the Life Sciences program. After she graduates from CMCC, Fanie plans to transfer to the University of New England to pursue a graduate degree in pharmacy.

### FANIE WABWENDE HONORED AS LEON GORMAN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



### SEVEN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS, INCLUDING FANIE WABWENDE FROM CMCC, WERE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS IN HONOR OF LEON A.

**GORMAN** at a ceremony held May 15 at L.L.Bean's Corporate Headquarters in Freeport.

This is the second year the scholarship has been given and marks the first time the award has been expanded from one recipient to seven, one from each of Maine's community colleges. (The sole awardee last year was Nicole Labby from CMCC). Each Gorman Scholar receives an award equal to a full year of tuition at a Maine community college.

The expansion of the scholarship to seven students was made possible by the generosity of Lisa Gorman, who last year announced an additional gift to the scholarship fund in her late husband's name. The Leon A. Gorman Endowed Scholarship was established in 2014 by the children of Leon and Lisa Gorman in honor of Mr. Gorman's 80th birthday. The scholarship supports Maine community college students who demonstrate strong academic achievement, financial need, and a commitment to community service, a hallmark of the scholarship's namesake.

"Leon would be proud to be associated with these outstanding students, and our family is delighted that the scholarship is now available to a student at each of the community colleges. We are pleased to support their educational aspirations and the good work of Maine's community colleges," said Lisa Gorman on behalf of her family.

Leon Gorman, the longtime president and CEO of L.L.Bean, was deeply committed to the people and places of Maine. Recognizing the power and potential of Maine's community colleges to transform people's lives, Mr. and Mrs. Gorman worked quietly behind the scenes supporting the colleges. The couple was central to the 2009 establishment and success of The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges for which Mrs. Gorman continues to serve as vice chair.

Top: Pictured with Fanie (at immediate left of the Leon A. Gorman portrait) are from left CMCC President Scott Knapp; MCCS President Darek Langhauser; and Fanie's parents Albert and Betty Wabwende; members of the Gorman family Lisa Gorman, Jenn Wilson, and Jeff Gorman.







FOUR MUSTANG HOOPSTERS ARE MOVING UP

The Athletic Department held a signing ceremony recently for four men's basketball players who have signed letters of intent to continue playing in college or in an Australian league. Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach Dave Gonyea announced that the four players have received these attractive offers because of their accomplishments on the court and in the classroom.

**Pietro Badalassi** has accepted academic and athletic scholarships to attend the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. The Canberra, Australia native is graduating with high honors in the Business Administration and Management program. A two-time winner of the CMCC Male Student Athlete of the Year Award, Badalassi was USCAA All-American and runner-up Player of the Year in the Yankee Conference this year.

According to St. Francis head coach Ryan Marks, "Pietro is a versatile wing forward who can play multiple positions and brings significant toughness, leadership, and decision-making to our squad."

**Cornelius Lawhorn** will attend Lincoln Christian University (LCU) in Illinois on an athletic scholarship. The Georgia native averaged 11.4 points and five rebounds per game and led the team in charges this past season. A business major at CMCC, he will continue his studies in business at LCU. LCU Coach Donny Aeits had this to say about Lawhorn: "All of us here at LCU are extremely excited about the signing of Cornelius. He is the kind of person and player that we look for . . . to be a leader both on and off the court." **Sheveran Hardy** of New Britain, Connecticut will be moving on to the University of Maine at Augusta, where he will major in Mental Health and Human Services. At CMCC, he played in 31 games and averaged 6.5 points, 2.5 assists, and 2.1 rebounds per game. According to UMA head coach Jim Ford: "Shev's talents at the guard position will improve the Moose need for balanced scoring and floor leadership. His speed and athleticism will be a boost to our defensive play and scoring in transition."

**Rob Skinner** has accepted an offer to play semiprofessional basketball in Australia. A native of Winsted, Connecticut, Skinner was named a USCAA Second-Team All-American this year and recently was honored with the title of "Mr. CM Basketball." Skinner will be moving to Darwin, Australia to play in the Darwin Basketball Association.

All four players spoke about the strong supportive community they have enjoyed at CMCC, both in the classroom and on the court. Lawhorn noted that the men's and women's teams, the coaching and conditioning staff and their fans "really formed one big family." The players stressed that excellence was always the goal, with Skinner adding that being a student athlete at CMCC is all about "how good do you want to be?"

Above: Participating in the signing ceremony were basketball players (from left) Sheveran Hardy, Pietro Badalassi, Rob Skinner, and Cornelius Lawhorn.

## **Nursing and Medical Assisting Programs** Hold Pinning **Ceremonies**

In the final few days leading up to Commencement, our Nursing and Medical Assistant graduates participated in very special pinning ceremonies held in Kirk Hall. Many family members and friends attended to celebrate along with them. Congratulations to these caring and dedicated graduates who are now beginning their careers in the health-care field.











Top Left: Nursing grad Kristin Duarte gets a hug from instructor Kathleen Montegut.

Right, top to bottom: Our 2017 Medical Assistant graduates; the nursing grads enjoy the applause from friends and family members at the end of the ceremony; Julie Davis, graduate and president of the Medical Assisting Club, helps her daughters Ocean and Ryver get her pin ready. Looking on are fellow graduates Erin Conary and Denise Castonguay.



## Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

The Alpha Phi Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa PTK), the international honor society for two-year colleges, welcomed almost 50 new members during the annual spring induction ceremony. To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa membership, students must be pursuing an associate degree and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Congratulations to our new PTK inductees!

Iris Abbott Pietro Badalassi Alexis Banks Audrey Beliveau Kiya Caron Caitlin Casey Brittney Chick-Reny Kelly Cross Melissa Cyr Chrisopher Day Holly Decourcey

Deanna Doyon Taylor Fillebrown **Emily Fournier** Kelly Freitas Darlene Gardner Zaccary Gauthier Angelica Getchell Katie Gordon Abdi Hassan Amanda Hebert Robert Hess Mackenzie Houghton Alyssa Koonce Jessica Lemay James Lester Andrew Marcoux Austin Merritt Jonathan Moore Kayla Moore Steve Nelson Siri Norman Joshua Paine Nicole Pilote Theresa Powers Andrew Primevara Eliza Robbins Alan Roberge Laura Soohey Aileen St. Onge Alexander Strout Ariel Thomas April Townsend Monika Vulc Fanie Wabwende Trisgint Wabwende Christiana Wallace Colleen Whitten Gabrielle Worcester





Top: Inductees hold their candles during the ceremony. Above left: Dean of Student Services Nicholas Hamel addresses the PTK students.

Above right: Aileen St. Onge signs the official PTK induction register.

## Life Sciences Students Attend Symposium at Harvard Medical School in Boston

The Life Sciences Honors students attended The New England Science Symposium at Harvard Medical School at the end of March.

The symposium, started in 2002, "...provides a forum for postdoctoral fellows; medical, dental and graduate students; post-baccalaureates; college and community college students, to share their biomedical and health-related research..."

Diana Drown, honors program coordinator, said the event was "a great experience, students had the opportunity to view other student's research in biomedical acience, make professional connections, and get exposed to a wealth of diversity."



Left to right: Emily Dingman, Amos Bickford, Deanna Doyon, Nicole Hamblin, Joshua Gremo, and Evelyn Arsenault.

## **Nursing Faculty Published**

Three members of the nursing faculty and the director of the TRIO program at Central Maine Community College have written an article that has been published in the April issue of Teaching and Learning in Nursing, the official journal of the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing.



Nursing department chair Kathy McManus, instructors Sharon Kinney and Kathleen Montegut, along with Terry Charlton from TRIO, authored the article titled "<u>Nursing Boot Camp: A Project in an ADN Program to Increase First-Year Nursing Students' Confidence</u>."

The article describes the CMCC nursing program's efforts to decrease the attrition rate in the first nursing course. Wanting to improve student success, the faculty offered a daylong "Nursing Boot Camp" prior to students starting their first year in the program. Students who attended reported a significant increase in their confidence when starting their first semester. In addition, faculty members reported improvement in how students were managing their multiple responsibilities at the beginning of the semester.

The article is also available on ScienceDirect, making it accessible to over 15 million scientists around the globe.

Above: From left are CMCC nursing faculty members Kathleen Montegut, Kathy McManus, and Sharon Kinney. They have co-authored an article along with TRIO Director Terry Charlton that has been published in a national journal.

### ECE and Graphics Students Present Portfolios

Students in the Early Childhood Education capstone course, and Graphics Communications presented their final portfolios in early May.

The ECE students, who graduated from the program this spring, also described the activities they included as part of their fieldwork experience. **Allison Easler** of Sabattus is pictured here discussing her portfolio with instructor Karen White.

Graphic Communications student **Thomas Meuse** wtih adjunct instructor Eric Berg looking on in the background. Per instructor June Roberts-Sherman: "Through trial and error and a lot of research, Thom successfully designed, engraved, and cut his portfolio cover using a modified living hinge to accommodate the open/close action. He used Adobe Illustrator and InDesign to design and plan his layout and then used the new Epilog Laser Engraver Fusion M2 to engrave and cut his portfolio cover."



## Michelle Ramsey Named Certified Nurse Educator

Nursing instructor Michelle Ramsey has earned the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) designation from the National League for Nursing (NLN). She earned this prestigious certification after meeting strict eligibility criteria and successfully completing a rigorous certification exam.

Ramsey joined the nursing faculty at CMCC in 2006 after she earned her MSN from the University of Southern Maine. She currently is the simulation coordinator for the student clinical experiences. In addition, she continues to work part time at Memorial Hospital in New Hampshire and at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway, Maine. She joins three other certified nurse educators at CMCC: Sharon Kinney, Peter Miller and Kathy McManus.

"The NLN's Academic Nurse Educator Certification program has conferred new visibility and stature upon the academic nursing community that is long overdue," said Dr. Beverly Malone, CEO of the NLN. "Through the certification program, we have made clear to the ranks of higher education that the role of nurse educator is an advanced professional practice discipline with a defined practice setting and demonstrable standards of excellence."

The NLN offers faculty development, networking opportunities, testing services, nursing research grants, and public policy initiatives to its 37,000 individual and more than 1,200 institutional members comprising nursing education programs across the spectrum of higher education and health care organizations.





## TRIO Students at CMCC Earn Scholarships

The TRIO Student Support Services Program has awarded nearly \$12,000 in scholarships to 13 students this semester. These scholarship recipients were selected in recognition of their achievements and determination to succeed at the college.

The federal TRIO program, created in 1965, focuses on assisting first-generation, low income, or disabled students to succeed in higher education. TRIO staff help students with academic advising, time and money management, financial aid, accessing college resources, and access to cultural enrichment opportunities. Now in its twenty-first year at CMCC, TRIO is a selective program whose goals are student persistence, academic achievement, graduation, and transfer to a baccalaureate program.

The following TRIO scholarship recipients were honored at a reception held recently for them and their families: Mohamed Abdullahi, Suleka Abdulle, Hamda Ahmed, Hassan Alasow, Abduljabar Farah, Ruqaya Farah, Angelica Getchell, Hope Godin, Micayla Hill, Ekoko Louise, Barbara Olson, Melissa Potter, and Kassie Schmidt.

Above, left to right: TRIO Director Terry Charlton, left, presents scholarship certificates to Hassan (left) and Hope Godin (right). Hassan and Hope were among the 13 students who received TRIO scholarships this semester.

Left: Michelle Ramsey, left, at work in the nursing simulation lab.

## Instructor Discusses Watergate in the Wake of Comey Firing



The recent firing of FBI director James Comey and talk of possible tape recordings in the Oval Office have brought about some comparisons to Watergate.

Chris Beam, who teaches history at CMCC and at the University of Southern Maine, worked at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. from 1977 to 1988, where he

spent more than four years processing the Nixon White House tapes,

"I estimate that I listened to 1,500 of the approximately 3,700 hours of conversation in the White House taping system, which was in place from February 1971 to July 1973," recalls Beam. "The conversations I reviewed included many hours of discussion of Watergate, Vietnam, and the 1972 presidential election," he added.

### Chris Paradis Named to Auburn Business Corporation Board



The Auburn Business Development Corporation, whose mission is to facilitate the physical settlement or re-settlement of business enterprises in Auburn, has announced the appointment of Christopher Paradis to its board of directors.

Paradis, a workforce development and training

specialist at CMCC, has also served as a member and chair on the board of directors of the Maine International Trade Center (MITC) and as past president and board member of the Auburn Rotary Breakfast Club. He currently serves on MITC's "Invest in Maine" Committee; the Franklin County Workforce and Education Committee; and Husson University's Southern Maine Alumni Advisory Board. Prior to joining CMCC in 2010, he had been employed at Elmet Technologies and Philips Lighting Corporation. Beam, who is a former director of the Muskie Archives at Bates College, <u>was interviewed recently about this</u> <u>experience by Pat Callaghan of WCSH-TV</u>. While Beam says there are echoes of Watergate in what President Trump has done, he believes it is too soon to know how this will all turn out.

A graduate of Williams College, Beam is a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War. He earned a Ph.D. in history from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has taught numerous courses at CMCC and other institutions on the Vietnam War, the Nixon presidency and all phases of U.S. history.

Interested in learning more? Dr. Beam is available to discuss the Nixon tapes and Watergate with those who would like to hear more about his work at the National Archives during this turbulent period and their possible relevance to current events. He can be reached at 576-6508, 784-8933, or <u>cbeam@cmcc.edu</u>.

## Culinary Finals Yield Delicious Results!

Gastronomical delights were the order of the day when our Culinary Arts students prepared and served a wonderful lunch as part of their "finals day" in early May. Many satisfied patrons, including students, faculty, and staff dined and then evaluated their appetizers, entrees, and desserts.



Abovet: Sarah Marchand prepares an entree dish for her Culinary Arts practicum.

## Hospice House 5K

The College was well represented in the annual Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice 5K & Remembrance Walk held on campus May 21. Our own Diana Drown, honors program coordinator, and Dean of Academic Affairs Betsy Libby placed first and second respectively in the women's 30-39 category. Betsy's son Jackson was runner-up in the ten-and-under group and won Sea Dogs tickets for the family. Congratulations to all!





Top: First-place finisher Diana Drown poses with Todd Crosley before the start of the race.

Bottom: Betsy and Jason Libby with son Jackson. Betsy and Jackson were runners-up in their categories. And Jason? Well, he did finish...

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